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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/565,848	Applicant(s) DI GIORGIO ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 24-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhagat et al (5,559,862) in view of Scherer (6,975,708).

Consider claims 24, 35 and 45-46, Bhagat et al teach a system and method for processing a calling line identity presentation supplied by a communication network to a called user following a call made by a calling user in said communications network (see abstract), comprising the steps of: selectively identifying an identification code (i.e., long-distance or international prefixes) used by said called user for calling back said calling user (see col. 3 line 44 - col. 4 line 4; col. 4 line 45 – col. 5 line 13); and inserting said identification code into said calling line identity presentation supplied by said communication network to said called user following the call made by said calling user (see col. 4 lines 5-18; col. 5 lines 14-40).

Bhagat et al did not suggest where the identification code associated with a long distance operator (i.e., PIC, Preferred Inter-exchange Carrier). However, Scherer teaches a method and system where a carrier code is inserted in the dialed number (i.e., outgoing call or callback) (see col. 20 lines 43-47).

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modifying the teaching of Bhagat et al to include the insertion of the carrier code into line number in order to provide the user with the flexibility of choosing a particular carrier to handle his/her calls.

Consider claim 25, Bhagat et al teach wherein an operator which can be used by said called user for calling back said calling user is associated with said identification code (col. 3 lines 30-42).

Consider claims 26 and 36, Bhagat et al teach wherein said operator which can be used by said called user is a long-distance operator (i.e., roaming) (col. 3 lines 30-42).

Consider claims 27-28 and 37-38, Bhagat et al teach wherein the step of inserting said identification code into said calling line identity presentation is omitted when said call made by said calling user to said called user is a local call or served by the same area prefix (col. 3 line 57 – col. 4 line 14). It should be noted that if the call back number is in the same calling area as the called party, no long-distance "1" or international "011" is added to the call back telephone number.

Consider claims 29 and 39, Scherer teaches the system and method further comprising the step of including a billing code in said identification code (see col. 20 lines 43-47).

Consider claims 30 and 40, Bhagat et al teach the system and process comprising the step of identifying said operator which can be used by said called user for calling said calling user as the operator with which the called user is registered as a subscriber (col. 3 lines 30-42).

Consider claims 31 and 41, Bhagat et al teach the system and process comprising the step of identifying said operator which can be used by said called user for calling said calling user as

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a default operator in the absence of any selection made previously by said called user (col. 3 lines 36-38) It should be noted that the prestored SID is the default carrier (operator) of the cellular subscriber.

Consider claims 32 and 42, Bhagat et al teach wherein said call made by a calling user to said called user is selected from the group consisting of voice calls, data calls and message transmission (col. 1 lines 8-10).

Consider claims 33-34 and 43-44, Bhagat et al teach the system and process applied to a mobile communications network, in which users who can act as called users are served by a corresponding Home Location Register, comprising the step of storing said corresponding identification code which can be inserted into said calling line presentation in said corresponding Home Location Register and the step of inserting said corresponding identification code into said calling line presentation even when said called user is in the roaming state (see col. 3 line 30 – col. 4 line 4). It should be noted that Bhagat et al inherently teach the Home Location Register and roaming facility (visitor location register) since Bhagat et al disclosed of cellular system and roaming capability.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 24-46 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Curtis Kuntz**, can be reached on **(571) 272-7499**.

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/Quoc D Tran/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2614

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